serve to limit the expansion of private dairies and define the area from which they can collect milk".

In order to maintain and increase the supply of liquid milk of the desired quality in the interest of general public, the Govt. has issued milk and Milk Product Order on 9th June, 1992. The Order provides for regulating the production, supply and distribution of milk and milk product. The promulgation of this Order is expected to increase the availability of liquid milk and thereby have the desired effect on the prices of milk and milk product.

Corruption charges against National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited

501. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious allegations of corruption against the management of National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited, Pune, have been levelled;

(b) if so, the details of the allegations;

(c) whether the inquiry officer appointed by the Central Registrar, Cooperative Societies has completed the inquiry and submitted his report;

(d) if so, the details of the allegations substantiated;

(e) whether the C.B.I. enquiry is proposed to be conducted; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c): In pursuance of a complaint received against the National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited (NHEC), a statutory enquiry under section 69(1) of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 was ordered by the Central Registrar. The allegations made related to violation of provisions of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 1984; distribution of cars by NHEC amongst officials; filling up of the post of Managing Director, NHEC; allowing a person who incurred disqualification to continue as Chairman of NHEC; malpractices and corruption by earlier Managing Director; termination of services of Senior Manager (Accounts); fiscal performance of NHEC not being for the benefit of share holders; unwarranted import of SS Basket; non-receipt of Rs. 7.67 lakhs receivable by NHEC and collusion of NCDC and Cooperative Ministry Officials in allowing alleged malpractices and corruption in NHEC The Enquiry Officer has submitted his report.

(d) None of allegations was found by the Enquiry Officer to have been substantiated. However, in one allegation regarding the net balance of Rs. 7.67 lakhs which was receivable by the NHEC on 30.6.86 and was found by the Enquiry Officer to have been adjusted in the books of society the status report has not been placed before the Board of Directors for approval.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) As no allegations have been found to have been substantiated, the question of referring this matter to CBI does not arise. The Central Registrar has directed the Chairman of the Society to place the matter regarding net balance of Rs. 7.67 lakhs receivable by the NHEC before the Board of Directors for final settlement.

Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

502. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have a village as unit for Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS), the area to be notified under the scheme in the State (also known as defined area) is selected and notified by the State Governments. State Governments are free to notify and area for implementation for the insured crops under the CCIS, provided they have the yield data for the last 5 years as also the capability of conducting 16 crop cutting experiments at the end of every season in the area notified thereunder. Thus, the unit area for implementation of the CCIS may be a district, a tehsil, a taluka, a block, or any other smaller contiguous area subject to the above conditions.

Securing of Land by NAFED in Andhra Pradesh

503. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED has secured 20 acres of land at Mydukunu in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when was it secured;

(c) what are the objectives behind this move;

(d) whether there is any proposal to construct more sheds, cold storage and improvement of research centre at Mydukunu in Cuddappah district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The land was taken on lease by NAFED in the first week of January, 1988.

(c) NAFED is engaged in the export of Onions. The plot has been given on lease to NAFED by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to establish an Onion Complex where it is intended to undertake research and developmental activities for the production of quality seeds of existing and new varieties of Onion. It has also been contemplated to utilise the land for sorting, grading and packing of Onion for export purposes.

(d) and (e) A shed for sorting, grading and packing of onion has been constructed. Research and development for re-production of quality seeds are being done through Associated Agricultural Development Foundation, a Research Organisation sponsored by NAFED Construction of more sheds at the land allotted to NAFED at Mydukur will be made depending upon the requirement. However, there is no proposal for construction of Cold Storage as the same is not recommended for storage of Onions.

Agro Technique

504. SHRI S S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Science Congress held at Panaji Goa recently put forward an alternate agricultural strategy of low cost non hazardous agro technique in which locally available materials play an important part;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to popularise the said agro technique in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Sectional President (Agriculture) of the 80th Indian Science Congress held at Panaji Goa in his address expressed his personal